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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Reports from Cape Colony—Examination for plague and plague-infected rats.

Report of the medical officer of health on the state of plague in Cape Colony during week ended February 20, 1904.

Port Elizabeth.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town.

East London.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital 1 case remains under treatment. Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town.

Other places.—In Queenstown, King William's Town, Knysna, Lady Grey Bridge, and Graaff-Reinet, no case of plague in man or animal was discovered during the week. As no plague infection has been discovered in Graaff-Reinet, either in man or animals, since the week ending April 13, 1903, no further reports of this place will be published.

Cape Town and harbor board area.—Two hundred and fifty-four rats were examined during tne week. None was found affected with plague.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

Report for week ended February 27, 1904.

Port Elizabeth.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Dead rodents, probably plague infected, continue to be found in the town.

East London.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital 1 patient was discharged. No cases remain under treatment. Plague-infected rodents continue to be found in the town.

Other places.—At Queenstown, King William's Town, Knysna, and Lady Grey Bridge, no case of plague in man or animal was discovered during the week. No further weekly reports will be issued in regard to Lady Grey Bridge.

Cape Town and harbor board area.—One hundred and ninety-one rats were examined during the week. None were found affected by plague.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

Report for week ended March 5, 1904.

Port Elizabeth.—Eight cases of plague were discovered during the week—namely, on the 28th ultimo, 1 colored female, who died on the

same date; on the 1st instant, 1 colored male, discovered after death; on the 2d instant, 2 colored males and 1 colored female; the latter died on the same date; on the 3d instant, 1 colored male; on the 4th instant, 1 colored female, who died on the same date; on the 5th instant, 1 colored female. All of these cases contracted the disease in certain tenements in Rudolph street. At the plague hospital 4 cases remain under treatment. Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town.

East London.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town and dock area.

Other places.—At Queenstown, King William's Town, and Knysna no case of plague in man or animal was discovered during the week.

Cape Town and harbor board area.—Three hundred and fifteen rats were examined during the week. None were found affected by plague.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

AUSTRALIA.

Outbreak of bubonic plague in Queensland—Plague-infected rats.

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following, received from Alfred D. Larkin, department of external affairs:

Plague bulletin No. 1, 1904.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,
Brisbane, February 13, 1904.

Regret to report fifth outbreak plague in this city. Two cases have occurred in Brisbane during the present week: A boy 12 years of age, employed in a boot shop situated in George street, where he also resided; and a man, 45 years of age, a saddler, employed in a saddler's shop situated in Petries Bight. The boy was removed to the plague hospital on the 10th instant, and the man on the following afternoon. The premises where these persons were employed have been thoroughly cleansed and fumigated. The man's home has also received the attention of the cleansing and disinfecting gang.

Plague-infected rats were found on the premises where the man was employed and in the immediate vicinity of the boot shop where the boy was employed, prior to the discovery of the plague cases.

RATS.

Number examined at the Bacteriological Institute during week	481
Number infected	0

NOTE.—The last case of plague in man in this State, prior to those now reported, died at Brisbane on September 12, 1903.

B. BURNETT HAM,
Commissioner of Public Health.

Plague bulletin, No. 2, for week ending 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, February 20, 1904.

The following are the particulars regarding 3 cases of plague which occurred in Brisbane during the above-mentioned period:

Declared February 13: A man, aged 22 years, residing at Primrose street, Bowen Hills, and employed in a produce store, Roma street, removed to plague hospital same day.

Declared February 17: A woman, aged 21 years, residing at Skew street, and employed in a bag factory, Roma street, removed to the plague hospital the same day.